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HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL FINALE



Jenny E. Fortunato, a sophomore from South Bronx High School, Bronx, N.Y., leaps forward during the standing-jump portion of the National High School Physical Fitness Championships at the Depot track field here recently. See story, pg. 2. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

WARLORD FINISHED

12th District reigns in recruiting campaign

Marine Corps Recruiting Command Public Affairs, Quantico, Va.

The final tally is in for Operation Warlord, a recent Corpswide recruiting campaign, and the first-place winners will be recognized for their efforts in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Five Marines and their spouses will be special guests of the commanding general, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, at the annual MCRC-hosted Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial July 19. The Marines will be honored and recognized for their superior performances.

"We are very impressed with the effort and the results our commanders and their recruiters accomplished during Operation Warlord," said Col. Angela Salinas, chief of staff, MCRC. "Most of the command's Marines performed exemplary, but the five who will be recognized at the Sunset Parade went above and beyond."

March 1, MCRC launched the two-month national recruiting offensive aimed at motivating and rewarding successful recruiters and station commanders. During the campaign, recruiting at both the individual and unit level was tracked using a point system that focused on both the quantity and the quality of applicants.

Throughout the command, Marines competed for top honors among districts, recruiting stations, and substations large and small. Individuals also strived to be the offensive's number one recruiter.

Among the Corps' more than 2,500 competing recruiters, the top performer was Staff Sgt. Farigh B. Mallak, Recruiting Substation Boise, Idaho. Mallak led the nation with the most points during the campaign, and he enlisted 12 applicants during the two-month period.

"It is funny, but I wasn't even aware there was a competition until we were about three weeks into it," said Mallak.

Other Marines to be recognized are Col. Arthur J. Corbett, 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District commanding officer, Maj. Jason L. Morris, Recruiting Station Portland commanding officer, Gunnery Sgt. Oscar L. Bengston, RSS Gainesville, Fla., staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, and Gunnery Sgt. Thomas W. Deal, RSS Anniston, Ala., SNCOIC.

"During the two months that are typically our most difficult recruiting period, we picked up the pace and

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Immigrant foster child airman loves his new uniform

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Once poor, once well-off, and even once an airman, today Pfc. Arealeius L. Fludd becomes a U.S. Marine – once and always.

The Caribbean native migrated with his family when he was 3 years old from Trinidad to Queens, N.Y. Soon thereafter, poverty forced his mother to surrender him to foster care.

More than a decade later, grandparents in South Carolina learned Fludd was in foster care and insisted their grandson not spend another minute there. Fludd said he went from poor living in Queens to a nice home with five cars in Charleston.

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Pfc. Arealeius L. Fludd

"I got a taste of both lifestyles," said Fludd. "The big city life and the Southern country-fried chicken life."

Military life was next.

After six weeks of Air Force basic training in 1995, the airman specialized in law enforcement and was stationed in Sacramento, Calif. He enlisted for four years but was discharged six months early after a family tragedy. His pregnant sister and unborn niece died in a car crash.

Removed from the armed services, he earned a college degree and managed his own Internet search-engine authorization business, which Fludd said grew boring despite being lucrative.

"It was the same thing every day" said Fludd. "It required a lot of time and work. I was always sitting in front of the computer."

Fludd said he wanted a greater challenge than Internet search-engine authorizing.

"I went with my buddy to talk to the Air Force recruiters," said Fludd. "On our way out of the office, I saw a gunnery sergeant step out of his car and walk by me ... I saw him and said, 'Man that uniform would look good on me.'"

Fludd turned back and talked with the gunny. One conversation later, Fludd said he was committing his life to another four-year contract.

Fludd's first interaction with Marines was in 1995 while providing security in Al Jabar, Kuwait. Each month for four months, he and other security airmen trained with Marines.

"When we trained, we thought we knew

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Sport fisherman takes
Marines to sea and
tapes it for his show

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Military blood needs depot donors

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Following a recent Memorial Day safety demonstration in McDougal Hall, depot Marines, civilians, sailors and Coast Guardsmen donated blood exclusively for service members. However, depot personnel donated only 58 units of blood. A collection in February yielded 107 pints. Nearly 1,500 active duty service members serve at the depot. "It's getting harder for us to find people who can donate blood. Some of the Marines that want to donate are disqualified after a tour where malaria is present in that country," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Anna P. Lacanilao, corpsman and lab technician.

According to Naval Medical Center San Diego officials, military blood is taken only from service members, their families and federal employees, which narrows the number of donors needed to correspond with blood demand. Navy blood donor officials bring a mobile collection unit to gather blood every quarter from depot personnel. The center also collects blood from recruits every Saturday, which makes a substantial difference in the cause to find military blood, said Doreen Rekoski, donor recruiter and public affairs specialist. The blood goes to military care and medical centers in San Diego and overseas to troops in the war, according to Rekoski.



Company F drill instructor Staff Sgt. Jacob L. Terro gives blood during Naval Medical Center San Diego's recent visit. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS



Marines motivate and assist a high school competitor's sit-ups in a field meet at the track here May 20. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

SEMPER HIGH

Nation's high schools meet at depot for fitness championships; East Coast students score best

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The depot hosted the 2005 National High School Physical Fitness Championships, sponsored by the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation, Inc., May 20-21 at the track here. Marines monitored students from 17 high schools – mostly from the East Coast – competing in five different events: push-ups, sit-ups, standing-jumps, pull-ups and a 300-yard shuttle run. The foundation sponsors the competition to give high school students an extracurricular activity and to show what the Marine Corps offers, said Bill Siebel, chairman for the foundation's Youth Physical Fitness program. South Bronx High School, Bronx, N.Y., earned first place in both male and female competitions. Cardozo High School in Bayside, N.Y., won second

place for males, and Bethpage High School, Bethpage, N.Y., won for females. Emmaus High School, Emmaus, Pa., took third in both male and female competitions. "I would like to see more representation from other states," said Siebel. "Currently, we are trying to include Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska and others to get more competition." Some competitors showed interest in joining the Corps. "I want to be a Marine," said Aileen Soto, a junior from South Bronx High School. "You guys are so strict and physically fit. You do so much for other people and our country. It's motivating." Depot Marines held competitors' legs, timed events and offered motivation in addition to carrying out miscellaneous errands. "I feel that here we can help promote good relations between the commu-

nity and ourselves as Marines," said Cpl. Jesse Leon, administration clerk, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. Twelfth Marine Corps Recruiting District's operations chief for Prior Service Recruiting, Master Gunnery Sgt. James T. Pearn, said, "It's important to get out here and help these kids get physically fit. Ultimately, we would like them to emulate us and be part of our team. "I am a health and fitness teacher. Working with youth is my passion and I love it." Getting out for a day in the sun was something that Marines welcomed. "It's great to be outside instead of the office," said clothing supply clerk Lance Cpl. Rikkilyn Ramsey. "I consider myself to be competitive, so I enjoy watching other people compete." The competition concluded with an awards ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

BRIEFS

Free zoo admission

San Diego Armed Services YMCA is organizing a trip to the San Diego Zoo June 18. Service members in uniform enter for free. YMCA will provide transportation for the first 14 people to sign up. Transportation will leave all local installations at 8 a.m. Organizers suggest bringing a change of clothes in a backpack, money for lunch, comfortable shoes, and sunscreen. For more information, contact (619) 232-9084 or programs@asymcasd.org.

National U.S. Marine Parents' Conference

The second annual National Marine Corps Parents' Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Kansas City, Mo., July 28-31. The conference will include workshops, a city tour, a golf outing, and buffets. For more information, visit www.marineparentsunited.com, or call (608) 455-7276 or (260) 636-3102.

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This year's Commanding General's Cup is about half way done, and the race for first has been a close one. Here are this year's remaining events:

- **Freedom Run, June 30**
- **Flag Football League, July 5** (coaches meet June 27)
- **6-on-6 Outdoor Soccer, Aug. 16** (coaches meet Aug. 8)
- **Sand Volleyball, Sept. 27** (coaches meet Sept.19)
- **Bowling League, Oct. 3** (coaches meet Sept. 26)
- **Powerlifting Tournament, Nov. 15** (coaches meet Nov. 7)
- **Turkey Trot, Nov. 22**
- **3-on-3 Basketball, Nov. 29** (coaches meet Nov. 21)
- **Field Meet, Dec. 9**

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pushed for more volume on a daily basis," Bengston said. "It all paid off, big time, because it made life easier for my team." Bengston also added that the more his Marines applied systematic recruiting techniques, it became easier for them to process enlistments. "I realized how effective systematic recruiting can be," he added. "When applied correctly and effectively, it works." Marine recruiters are facing one of the most challenging recruiting times in the past decade. However, they remain vigilant in their efforts to seek out quality young men and women with a desire to serve their country. "The question, 'Will my son (or) daughter go to Iraq?' is the hottest question I get from parents," said Mallak. "I reemphasize why their son or daughter wants to be a Marine and explain that the Marine Corps is an elite organization. But most importantly, I am open and honest about the realities of joining the military. I think parents respect that more than anything."

Summer months filled with education opportunities

BY CPL. MICAH SNEAD
Contributing writer

Summer is approaching, and attentions are already turning toward vacations, beaches and other fun ways to beat the heat. One of those diversions, off-duty education, isn't quite as glamorous or saliva inducing, but it will probably get you farther in the long run. Summer school has been a dreadful American idiom for as long as most of us can remember. I've never met anyone who spent time studying in the summer season, although I'm sure there must be a class out there where students actually enjoy "summer" school. For most of us, though, school is the last place we want to be during the summer.

The old standard American school year consists of nine months stuck in some boring classroom with some boring teacher babbling about some boring textbook, relieved by three months of blissful summer fun. That scheme seems to be fading into the younger concept of a 12-month school term, but the mention of summer school still makes most pupils shudder.

As the competition heats up in American academia, summer is turning into an opportunity to get ahead. Families are sacrificing vacation time to get their children into advanced classes and programs, and college students who give up their summer breaks graduate earlier than the standard four years required for a degree. There is even a Senior Summer School program for senior citizens, baby boomers and retirees at eight major city

colleges across the U.S. and Canada. Everybody is getting on board the positive summer school bandwagon, except our military members.

There are already too few Marines taking advantage of our 100 percent tuition assistance during the regular school year, and it seems like summer sessions see an even greater drop-off. I understand the operational tempo around the Marine Corps is hot enough to melt pitchforks in hell right now, but I think there are a lot of Marines missing out on once-in-a-lifetime opportunities here.

I work with only eight Marines in my small corner of an air station, and of those, just three will be taking advantage of off-duty education this summer, myself included. That 33 percent is probably a high ratio compared to many sections around the air station.

Honestly, taking classes does put a damper on social plans. You are giving up a minimum of five hours a week of your Marine Corps-granted liberty and usually more if you're studying the material. School obligations can also keep you from taking out-of-town vacations, and just about everyone likes to see their family during the summer to take advantage of nicer weather.

All that said, I still think there are too many opportunities being ignored. Summer school doesn't mean you have to sit in a class five hours a week. There are also on-line courses and video or DVD classes you can take at your own pace from anywhere in the world.

Marine Corps Institute course work is slowly but surely converting to a Web-based format so Marines on the

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go can get them knocked out, but here's a newflash: college-level courses have been that mobile for a decade. And don't worry; colleges take vacations too. In fact, the most highly traveled vacation periods, Thanksgiving and Christmas, are granted extended breaks from most colleges and universities. If you're looking for a chance to spend time with family and friends back home, why not do it when it's convenient for every facet of your life.

I don't want to sound pessimistic. There are a lot of Marines breaking rocks over their heads by working full days or shifts, stuffing as much off-duty education into their brains as possible and finding time to juggle their personal lives in between. I just hope they will become the rule instead of the exception before it's too late. Nothing is guaranteed around the Corps, and time away from Iraq, Afghanistan or some other deployment certainly is not promised to anyone. Take advantage of your opportunities while you can.

My last thought comes courtesy of a wise old master gunnery sergeant: If you aren't going to take advantage of an opportunity while you're in the Marine Corps, what makes you think you will do it after you're out? Margaritas on the beach might be one way to beat the heat, but I think Marines have spent just about enough time in the sand lately. I'll be cranking up the AC in a classroom this summer and letting the Marine Corps pick up the tab.

Snead is a combat correspondent at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

PRIMER: Recover losses, prepare for disputes in small-claims court

BY 1ST LT. BRIAN D. TRULOCK
Contributing writer

Have you ever suffered a financial loss because of someone else's actions?

When a situation like this occurs, the person suffering the loss often feels he or she should be able to recover that loss from the individual or entity. If the amount of the loss is small, however, many people believe the cost and time involved in pursuing legal action are prohibitive.

The question then arises: Are there any other options?

San Diego County, along with most other jurisdictions, operates a "Small Claims Court." The purpose of San Diego County's Small Claims Court is to adjudicate claims between individuals or entities that have a total value of less than \$5,000.

Generally, disputes are resolved quickly and inexpensively. The court's rules are simplified, and the hearing is informal. Moreover, attorneys cannot represent either party to the action, thereby eliminating a major cost typically associated with pursuing legal action.

Suppose you live in an apartment complex in which you have an assigned parking place. The leasing office, or its employees and agents, can identify your vehicle as being in the proper place because of a hangtag or sticker.

One morning you walk outside, ready to drive to work, only to find that your vehicle has been improv-

erly towed when you were properly displaying your hang tag or sticker. You call the towing company and discover it will cost several hundred dollars to have your vehicle released from their impound.

You pay the towing company the fee, knowing that it was an expense for which you should not be held accountable. You can, however, seek reimbursement from the leasing company through small claims court.

The first step you should always take is to draft a "demand letter." This is a letter that sets forth the facts of your case and the reasons why you think the other party is responsible for your loss. Additionally, the letter should specify the amount of your loss, and request that the other party reimburse you for that loss.

After the letter is drafted and signed, mail the letter via certified mail to the other party.

If the demand letter does not achieve the desired results, then you can proceed to Small Claims Court.

Anyone over 18 years old can file a claim in small claims court, and the forms are available at www.sdccourt.ca.gov. The claim must be filed in the proper venue, or court location.

Generally, the location will be determined by zip code of the defendant's residence or where the loss or damage actually occurred. If a claim is not filed in the proper location, the judge can dismiss the case. A list of court locations is available at the aforementioned Web site.

When filing your claim, you must ensure that you use the defendant's exact legal name. If you are suing a business entity, you may need to check with the California Secretary of State to determine their exact

name. Additionally, the Secretary of State can provide the name of an agent authorized to accept "service of process."

Service of Process is the phrase used to describe the procedure of providing the defendant with notice and a copy of your claim in court. This provides the defendant an opportunity to respond and have notice of any upcoming court dates. There are three authorized methods of service in California Small Claims Court: personal service, Certified Mail, and Substitute Service. The procedures of each of these methods can be found on the previously mentioned Web site.

If, however, you have questions about any one of these methods, you should schedule an appointment to see a legal assistance attorney.

When your court date arrives, both parties will have an opportunity to present their facts and arguments to the judge. Once the judge has heard all parties to the case, he will render a judgment in favor of the plaintiff or the defendant. Only the defendant has the right to appeal an unfavorable judgment. On appeal, the court will review the facts of the case and either affirm or reverse the small-claims court's ruling.

The ruling on appeal is final. An attorney can represent either party on appeal from small-claims court.

If you have any questions about pursuing claims in small-claims court, schedule an appointment to consult with a legal assistance attorney at (619) 524-4111.

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Chris Randel and the crew of the Indian gutted and cleaned fish for the Marine guests.



(From left) Professional fisherman Dan Hernandez shares reel and rod tips with Recruit Training Regiment Marines Staff Sgt. Ronal Morales, Sgt. Maj. Terry T. Hoskins and Sgt. Scott A. Leonardson.



Pesky sea lions repeatedly stole bait from the Marines' hooks.



1st Recruit Training Battalion operations chief Staff Sgt. Duane Hairston reels in his line after a cast. *Pic. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos*

Fish, aye aye.

TV show reels fish, rolls tape with depot Marines as special guests

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Twenty-five depot Marines, mostly drill instructors, recently fished off Point Loma, San Diego, and on camera for TV's "Sportfishing with Dan Hernandez," marking the fifth annual taping for the show.

Hernandez and skipper Chris Randel, who owns the Indian, a sportfishing boat, showed thanks to the nation's service members by inviting Marines to fish with live bait in the Pacific Ocean for nine hours.

Randel, who typically accommodates charter groups, gave the Marines a discount and Hernandez paid the expenses.

"It's a way to give back," said Randel. "Some of these guys are walking away with wounds that may not heal, and they don't get anything for what they have done. I wish everyone would give them something for their sacrifices."

In addition to the annual event, Randel and his crew have given Marines free trips in the past few months.

"Last month we took Marines from (Naval Medical Center San Diego) out fishing," said Randel. "It was good for them to get out and do something. I also enjoyed hearing their stories."

The Marines said beginning the

week fishing was great, though some duty-bound drill instructors were reluctant to break for fishing as training carried on.

"This is the most relaxing Monday I've had in a long time," said Staff Sgt. Joshua S. Smith, a Company G series gunnery sergeant. "This week is firing week, and I wanted to be (at the range). I knew that my senior drill instructors could handle the burden, so I decided that I would come along."

Despite sea lions stealing bait, many fishermen managed to catch at least one fish.

"I hated those things. They were vultures. I caught only one fish because of the sea lions, but I did enjoy myself," said Sgt. Scott A. Leonardson, a Co. D drill instructor.

In further appreciation, Randel and his crew gutted and cleaned the fish for the Marines at no charge. The Marines said they were grateful, and they were happy to accompany Hernandez.

"I have never been deep-sea fishing before, and I figured what better way to learn than from a professional," said Smith. "Besides, I have always wanted a picture in my house of me holding a fish."

The episode is scheduled to air for Hernandez's Independence Day special. His show airs every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in San Diego on XETV Fox, Channel 6.



A crew member holds a spiny fish by its mouth because he said it was poisonous.



Drill Instructor School instructor Staff Sgt. Christopher Hambaugh displays his trophy catch of the day.



Pfc. Arealeius L. Fludd, Platoon 2079, Company H, applies a tourniquet to Pfc. Colby Thompson, Platoon 2077, during a recent examination. Before joining the Marines, Fludd, 28, served in the Air Force. He was 3 years old when he came to the U.S. from the Caribbean. Fludd lived in foster care for 13 years before living with his grandparents. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ferner

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ferner was born April 24, 1959, in Miami. He graduated from Hialeah Miami Lakes High School in 1977 and enlisted in the Marine Corps two years later. He graduated from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., April 17, 1979. Afterwards, he attended Disbursing School at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and was subsequently assigned to Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCRD San Diego, where he served as a personal financial records clerk.

In April 1982, he was released

from active duty and transferred to the Individual Ready Reserve until his reenlistment to active duty, Sept. 9, 1982. He assumed duties as a postal clerk with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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some stuff,” said Fludd. “We saw Marines train; it was a lot more intense. We thought we were intense, but that was an eye-opener. They taught us about (the six troop-leading steps), things we never learned in the Air Force. Training with them ... I got that feeling like I finally knew what I was doing.”

Enlisting as a Marine a decade later, Fludd decided he would put down the handcuffs and pick up a calculator. Fludd enlisted as an accountant because he thought it would better his skills in the business world, and he felt that accounting was something he could pursue in the future.

However, before he could begin crunching numbers, he would have to pass recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego – a task more difficult than he expected, Fludd said.

Days into training, recruits must pass a strength test, but Fludd failed this initial requirement.

Drill instructors could have transferred Fludd to a physical conditioning platoon, but they worked with him because he excelled in other strength aspects.

“I was out of shape,” said Fludd. “(Recruit training) is different than what you hear. Mentally, it wasn’t as tough for me because I had prepared myself. I was ready for the screaming and the mind games. Seven years as a civilian, I got lazy.”

Coming to San Diego, Fludd said he focused on one goal: get that uniform.

“When my drill instructor asked me why I joined, I said, ‘Honestly sir, it was the uniform.’ He started to laugh,” said Fludd.

“(My reason) has changed. I learned the history of the Marine Corps, and I feel pride that comes with the uniform,” Fludd said. “In the Air Force, we never learned history. Even at the (pre-enlistment) functions, we learned Marine Corps history. That’s probably why we have so much pride. You know where you’re from; you know where you’re going. We want to keep that going.”

Fludd’s pride was apparent, but his drill instructors kept honing a new quality.

“I think (training) gave him some discipline,” said Staff Sgt. William D. Brown, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2079, Company H.

Another drill instructor had told Brown that Fludd, a 28-year-old, had an attitude problem and didn’t like to follow orders, partly because the drill instructors were younger than him.

“When he came to me, I knew he had an attitude, so I brought him in the office and I talked to him man-to-man,” said Brown. “All we do is lay the foundation; I think he has a good foundation. He started taking care of himself a little better. From then on, he was all right.”

Donning a khaki shirt and green trousers, the former airman graduates today, just as he hoped, in a Marine uniform. Now he wants to right the rift between him and his estranged mother. Fludd said he looks forward to taking leave, even though he hasn’t always been fond of some family members.

Fludd said he grew up harboring resentment for his parents leaving him behind. His heart ached, longing to understand why. Talking to his aunt, a closer relative and mentor, he discovered that his troubles are in the past. She told him that he has a family and he should not dwell on the negative.

Now optimistic, Fludd said he hopes to greet his mother with new love and pride – once and always.

He attended Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School in 1983 and returned to his normal duties until his assignment to Drill Instructor School in January 1984.

As a corporal, he graduated from Drill Instructor School in March 1984 and reported for duty as a drill instructor for Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. During his tour, Ferner served as both a junior and a senior drill instructor. In April 1986, he left the drill field and transferred to Headquarters and Service Company, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. For the next three years, he served as a claims and enquiries NCO and staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

In June 1989, he reported to

Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., where he served as a postal inspector. While stationed there, he was also assigned as a sergeant instructor for officer candidates from May through August in 1990 and 1991. In 1992, he served as a platoon sergeant at Officer Candidate School. In the same year, he also attended the Staff NCO Career and Advance Courses at Quantico. In October 1992, he reported to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st FSSG, for duty as custodian of postal effects and as postal chief.

Ferner was promoted to first sergeant May 16, 1996, and he served as the first sergeant for Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Bat-

talion, 1st FSSG. In May 1997, he reported to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, for duty as the Headquarters and Service Company first sergeant. He was reassigned as Weapons Company first sergeant June 16, 1998.

Ferner reported to his present duties as Recruiting Station Portland sergeant major in September 2000. He was promoted to his present rank Nov. 1, 2000.

His personal awards and decorations include three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and eight Good Conduct Medals.

He is married to the former Carla J. Mattingly of Indianapolis. They have three children: Rachelle, Elyse and Jack.

HOTEL COMPANY

These are America's newest Marines and their leaders at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Company H graduates 302 men today:

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

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SERIES 2073

Series Commander
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Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. R. Morales

SERIES 2077

Series Commander
Lt. Lt. O. L. Manor
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Gunnery Sgt. D. D. McDuffie

PLATOON 2073

Senior Drill Instructor
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Pvt. A. F. Araiza
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Pvt. J. D. Heise
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Lance Cpl. K. S. Fournier
Chanhausen, Minn.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. K. B. White



Platoon 2077
SERIES HONORMAN
Pfc. M. Estrada
Kerhoven, Minn.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. A. Segura



Platoon 2073
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. B. L. Chan
Missoula, Mo.
Recruited by
Sgt. T. B. McKeown



Platoon 2074
HIGH PFT (300)
Pfc. T. M. Griego
Sandia Park, N.M.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. Romero



Platoon 2074
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. A. Little
Conway, Ark.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. Dixon



Platoon 2073
HIGH SHOOTER (239)
Pfc. J. D. Gipper
Fairbank, Iowa
Marksmanship Instructor
Sgt. R. D. Cornell



Pfc. Boyd F. Parker, Platoon 2078, Company H, counts out push-ups before completing the strength and endurance course here May 18. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Hotel Company answered Chevron's questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What was the best competitive event?



Pfc. Andre Herrarte
Fontana, Calif.

A: Pugal sticks. We had the opportunity to take out frustrations.

Q: What was your worst civilian job?



Pfc. Edwin D. Avila
Orange, Calif.

A: Custodian at a school.

Q: What's the best Meal, Ready-to-Eat?



Pvt. Darin L. Hill
Renton, Wash.

A: The Western steak one. I like steak.

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Consolidated Personnel Administration Center outfielder Capt. Matthew Ewing crushes a line drive into 12th Marine Corps District's outfield to drive in a run. CPAC's hitting was the major reason it bested District by 10 runs. Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos

DISTRICT DISMANTLED

Admin clobbers recruiting unit 14-4 in softball season opener, loses next

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff



CPAC catcher Cpl. Mari Melendez stands on first base. Her tall socks were an item of ridicule until she got a base hit.

In its first game of this year's Commanding General's Cup softball league, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center spanked 12th Marine Corps District 14-4, May 24.

District batted first, and knocked in two runs at the beginning of the game, but CPAC quickly responded by matching them in the bottom of the first inning. Up to bat again, District sent two more runners home next inning. Again, CPAC countered, and added a cherry to the top when its third runner crossed the plate in the second. District didn't lead again.

Contrary to District's standstill, CPAC continued to rock. The defense played almost error-free ball while the big sticks kept coming and home plate gathered more CPAC footprints.

A defining moment occurred when CPAC catcher,

Cpl. Mari Melendez, the only woman in the game, knocked a hot grounder through District's deteriorating infield.

"Now you can't talk trash about my socks," she sneered to the District bench as she stood safely on first base. Melendez wore knee-high striped baseball socks.

After five innings in the traditionally seven-inning game, CPAC was up by 10 runs. District came up to bat in the top of the sixth, and went three-up, three-down. The umpire called the game because of time constraints.

"That was great for our first game," said CPAC third baseman Lance Cpl. Jeff Peterson. "We hit the ball really well. District has a great team, but we have an exceptionally great team."

Recruit Training Regiment skunked CPAC 9-0 in the next game, shortly after Peterson's comment.

District faces Coast Guard June 7, and CPAC butts heads with Headquarters and Service Battalion June 13.